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Dear General Gehlen,

I did it again this year. I forgot to send you congratulations on your birthday in April. I don't know what it is but I suspect it is my preoccupation with income tax matters during the latter part of March that causes me to forget that 4 April is your birthday anniversary. Be what it may, let me at this late date express all good wishes for another healthy and successful year.

I also want to thank you for your kind letter after Christmas. And I was especially glad to hear that the speedometer on your sailboat is working properly. I hope that you will get another chance to really sail this summer. Or perhaps you have already started sailing. I have heard that the Munich area has had a sunny, warm Spring. Unfortunately we have not. It has been quite cold with a warm day now and then but we are still having frost.

And in early February we were really snowed in. I was unable to drive my car for three days. As a matter of fact, I barely made it to the airport when I was scheduled to make a rather long trip. I visited Tokyo and Manila coming back by way of Hawaii. All in all the trip was much too fast, as usual, although I had several nice days attending a military conference in the Philippines.

I heard that [] has semi-retired but I am sure that he is just as active as ever. I recall how I used to envy both you and him as far as your energy was concerned.

I also understand that Herrn [], [] and [] will be visiting here but unfortunately I shall miss them. Heinz was kind enough to invite me to a reception for them but Ruth and I will be unable to attend.

It was interesting to read in a recent issue of CHRIST und WELT an article about coordination of intelligence activities in the German Federal Republic. I judge from that article that you are also still plagued with coordination problems in the business. I am still active in the coordination field in our community and it keeps me quite busy. There is always too much to be done.

Not long ago when Virginia Pleasants gave a concert at the German Embassy, I was surprised to hear that contrary to most expectations Herr [] was improving. Kindly extend to him my best regards should you see him.

Our warm greetings to your wife and family. We think of all of you and Munich very often.

Sincerely,

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